

To the FDA:

RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

I send this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer, there should be no restrictions to the delivery of a compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I may live or may travel. The MOU must be amended!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the MOU must be amended!

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Hello,

I very rarely ever write anyone about new laws, however, since this affects me so much, I have to voice my concern over my physician not having the right to giving me a prescription that only a "compounding pharmacist" can prepare for me.

As I am going through the "change of life", I need additional hormones to help me feel good. As I went to two excellent doctors that ran "standard tests" on me, they could not find out while I was feeling so poorly. A friend suggested a chemist run a blood test on me and when I had this done, he assured me I was in the "change" and that the best of physicians had not been trained to check for certain changes taking place in the blood. He then wrote a compounding prescription for me and I have felt wonderful ever since.

I know you nor anyone else is interested in my blood, but since I am not one of the "middle of the road" patients", I did not fit in with the standard medicine that is prescribed to average people. This happens all the time to people.

Please know there is a need for "compounding pharmacists". Someday it may be you that needs a "little something different from the run of the mill". Please do not take away our rights in having this freedom to choose what type of hormones or medicines we need especially to fit with our own body needs.

Thank you,



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